

BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING
OCTOBER 9, 2018

PRESENT: David Lage, Chairman, John Veaser, Lori Rautiola; Budget Committee Members Marc Fortier, Chairman, Jim Hicks, Alan Doyle and Pat Mittleider joined the meeting to review 2019 budgets.

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. at the Town Office.

Chairman Lage announced upcoming events: The last day for the Farmers' Market is Saturday, October 13 from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. The AutumnFest is October 20 from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Vendors are still being accepted. Visit the website to register and find out more information. Halloween will be October 31 from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Parks and Recreation – Director Talbot submitted two checks from the New Ipswich Children's Fair, one for \$200.00 to be used for soccer and the other for \$200.00 to be used for softball. Selectman Lage read the letter from the Executive Committee of the Children's Fair provided with the checks. Selectman Veaser made a motion to accept the funds for the Parks and Recreation Department. Selectman Lage seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Selectman Lage thanked the Children's Fair for helping out the Town.

The Selectmen met jointly with the Budget Committee to review the following 2019 budgets. Budget Committee member Alan Doyle left the meeting at the beginning of the discussion on the budgets questioning if the joint meeting was an illegal meeting. John explained the process the Boards were following with regard to budget review. Marc added he had checked with NHMA about joint meetings and they are allowed as long as the meetings are posted.

Emergency Management: Director George Carmichael submitted the budget. There was no backup attached. The requested budget was \$8,954.

Salaries to be discussed at a later time. Line item 240, Education – same as last year at \$100.00. Line item 280, Travel – increased from \$75.00 to \$100.00. Line item 433, Computer Equipment – this was a one time expense and no funds are requested this year. Line item 530, Communication – remains the same at last year at \$504.00. Line 560, Dues, etc. – zeroed out. Line item 610, Supplies – remains the same as last at \$100.00. Line 615, Trailer Maintenance – has been labeled to shelving and chairs for the radios for the Emergency Management office for \$1,000.00. Line 750, Protective Clothing – has been increased to \$150.00. Line item 775, Emergency Operation Plan – zeroed out.

Questions were raised with regard to line item 615. Selectman Lage noted the trailer work had been completed this year. Jim did not want it removed from the budget. Members questioned the shelving and chairs for the radios.

Planning Board: Chairman Bert Hamill was not present as he was not aware the budget would be discussed this evening. The requested budget was \$4,300.

Line item 240, Training – remains the same as last year at \$500.00. Selectman Lage noted there is a new member on the Board and this line will likely be used more. Line item 390, Technical Assistance – remains the same as last year at \$2,500. Selectman Lage explained this line is for Brown Engineering for technical support. Also, when questions are raised, the Planning Board will go for answers to Brown rather than legal counsel if possible. Line item 625, Postage – remains the same at \$200. Line item 626, Postage/Hearings – applicant pays for abutter notices. This is an in/out line and budgeted for \$500.00. The DRA has stated an amount needs to be budgeted for the line.

Auditor: This is a contracted service for \$15,250.

Zoning Board of Adjustment: Selectman Lage noted the cover sheet was not the same as the other budgets.

The budget submitted is the same as last year's for \$1,304. Selectman Lage explained the budget. Line item 670, Publications – budgeted for land use manuals for \$144.00. Line item 626, Postage Reimbursement – in/out line; applicant pays for abutter notices and decision letters.

Selectman Lage noted he had asked the Town Administrator to distribute budgets the Thursday before they are to be reviewed. Pat suggested Department Heads be followed up on their appointments with the Boards to discuss their budgets. Also, she noted there were no September minutes posted on the website for the Board of Selectmen. Marc added the Budget Committee minutes are not approved by the Committee or posted on the website. Lori will follow up.

The Budget Committee left the meeting.

Tax rate: Selectman Lage asked for information on the DRA setting of the 2019 tax rate.

Fire Department: The new fire truck is to be delivered tomorrow. There will be a dedication of the truck on November 3 at 10:00 a.m. Chief Lund was asked to provide monthly reports and forwarded Fire Department meeting minutes to the Board. A lot of the information in the minutes is not needed and the Board suggested a different format.

Pool: Selectman Lage asked for a copy of the quote for repair of the pool water line for the next meeting.

Paving: Selectman Veaser stated he had several people inform him they were enjoying the paving on Timbertop Road. Selectman Lage will discuss the yellow line stripping of the roads.

At 6:55 p.m. Selectman Veaser made a motion to adjourn. Selectman Lage seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

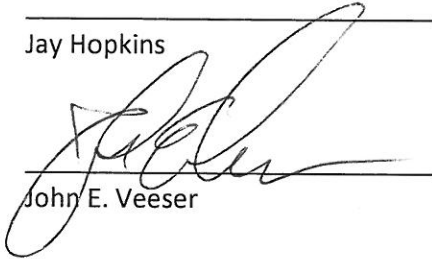
Respectfully submitted,
Lori Rautiola, Land Clerk

Board of Selectmen October 9, 2018 minutes approved by:



David S. Lage, Chairman

Jay Hopkins



John E. Veesser